

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63) AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

**DECLARATION:** As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **WEARABLE PROTECTIVE SYSTEM HAVING PROTECTIVE ELEMENTS**

a specification of which [ ] is attached hereto OR [ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations §1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

(Number)	(Country)	(Date filed)	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of United States application(s) listed below.

Provisional Application Number(s):

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Filing Date(s):

12/13/2000

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) or 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

Application Ser. No.

Filing Date

Status-Patented, Pending or Abandoned

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** I hereby appoint as my attorney, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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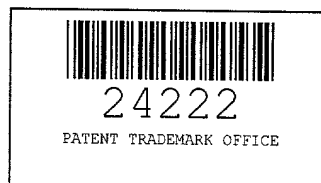
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Dear Assistant Commissioner:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submit this statement and the attached 1 sheet(s) of form PTO-1449 and 4 specimens of prior art and other information in accordance to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and requests consideration hereof.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97: This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of the filing date of a National Application or before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. No fee or certification is required.

Information Cited: The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application, the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the reference. As all the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 are in English, no commentary is required.

Remarks: A copy of each reference, together with a listing on Form PTO-1449(modified), is submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;

2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and

3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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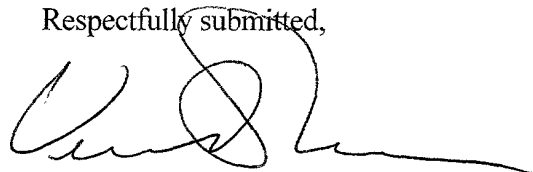
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Notwithstanding any statement by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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